Building an insect hotel

Instructions No. 1615

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour

Build a hotel for our insects! We show you how to build a decorative **insect hotel** . This is not only fun, but offers **shelter** to useful insects like wild bees.



Preparing and designing the pots

Prime two **Terracotta pots with** white Acrylic paint. Remove the unprinted layers of Napkin. In our example we have chosen a full rose pattern. Coat one of the pots with **Napkin varnish**. Place the printed layer of the **Napkin** around the pot and press them lightly. Afterwards, coat the pot again with Napkin varnish. Apply the varnish evenly to the entire outside of the pot, as it dries silky-matt and then you will see an overall shiny surface.
With our other **Napkin** we have chosen a rose motif with butterflies and have cut out individual motifs from it. Remove the unprinted layers and glue the motifs with **Napkin varnish** to the second pot at your discretion. The background we have painted with light blue **Acrylic paint** painted
To create a great 3D effect of the butterflies, paint an **embossing foil with** white Handicraft paint. After drying, stick the butterflies from Napkin with Napkin varnish onto the foil. **Emboss** the butterflies by tracing the contours of the butterflies on the back of the embossing foil with an embossing pen or similar. Cut out the butterflies and fix them to the pot with hot glue.

Filling the pots

A pot is filled with **Raffia** filled. The second pot gets a filling with bamboo sticks. Saw the sticks to the length of the pot and fix them with hot glue **in the pot.** Into the

third pot **Wood wool** and filled up with **cones** . A circle of wire mesh fence is cut so that nothing can fall out. This should be slightly larger than the circumference of the pot. Place the wire on the pot and bend it around the pot. Now fix the wire mesh fence to the edge of the pot with hot glue and tie a ribbon around it. This will also hold the wire and looks nice.

Suspension

Cut 4 **jute bands of 1m** length **each** and knot them together. Put the ribbons between the pots and knot the pots together. In our example, we have also **decorated** the **Terracotta pots** with **flowers** . For this, glue the flowers to the pots with hot glue.

Must Have



Terracotta-rose pots, 3 pcs, Inside-Ø 10 cm, H 12 cm

Content: 3 pieces
Diameter (outside): 12 cm
Height: 12.4 cm
Material: Terracotta

7,10 CHF

Item details

Quantity: - 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
571739-10	Terracotta-rose pots, 3 pcsInside-Ø 10 cm, H 12 cm	1
650762	VBS Craft straws "Nature", 500 pieces	2
632300	Mesh wire, mesh size 14x14 mm	1
650984	Natural bast, natural colour	1
27494	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlIce blue	1
27541	VBS Napkin varnish "Glossy"100 ml	1
616409	VBS Fir cones, 250 g	1
460132	VBS Jute ribbon, 3 mm	1
563178-01	Stamping foil, 3 piecesGold/Gold	1
51163	Hot glue gun, 15-80 Watt	1
619059	VBS Wood wool, approx. 100 g, Nature	1